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## **Crime Stoppers Tips Lead to Arrest in Pharmacy Burglary** *Anonymous Tipster(s) to Receive Up to \$1,000 Reward*

**Birmingham, AL - April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2007** - A man suspected of robbing a local pharmacy in the Birmingham area has been arrested as a result of a public alert and reward issued by *RxPATROL/Crime Stoppers*. The Jefferson County Sheriff's Office has arrested Brandon Colby Ennis in connection with a burglary that occurred on January 17th, 2007 at the Forestdale Pharmacy located at 1548 Forestdale Blvd. All suspects are deemed innocent until proven guilty.

In February *RxPATROL/Crime Stoppers* asked for the public's assistance in investigating this pharmacy burglary and offered a cash reward of up to \$1,000 for information that could help the police with their investigation. The cash reward is donated by pharmaceutical company Purdue Pharma L.P., the company which distributes OxyContin<sup>®</sup> (oxycodone HCl controlled-release) Tablets and which developed and funds RxPATROL.

"We received several calls from residents almost immediately after issuing the alert on the burglary," said *Crime Stoppers* coordinator James Lewis. "It is extremely helpful when the public comes forward with information that can lead to the arrest of suspects."

"Without the information received by local residents, there is a good chance this suspect would still be at large. We are grateful for the assistance of RXPATROL/Crime Stoppers and their commitment to the safety of our communities," said Sergeant Randy Christian, Public Information Officer from the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office.

Purdue Pharma, L.P. developed RxPATROL (Rx Pattern Analysis Tracking Robberies & Other Losses) in 2003 as a collaborative effort between industry, pharmacists and law enforcement to collect, collate, analyze and disseminate information on pharmacy theft. In 2005, Purdue partnered with *Crime Stoppers* and affiliated local anti-crime programs throughout the country to offer rewards for information that can help lead to the arrest of pharmacy burglary suspects.

This arrest follows several others in Kentucky, North Carolina, Indiana, Ohio, Maryland, New Jersey, Utah and Pennsylvania. To date, 32 arrests have been made as a result of the partnership between Purdue's RxPATROL program and local *Crime Stoppers* affiliated programs.

"We are proud to support the efforts of *Crime Stoppers* and affiliated programs throughout the United States," said RxPATROL program coordinator Capt. Richard Conklin. "The recent arrests in Greeneville prove that tips from local residents really can make a difference."

All information that comes into *RxPATROL/Crime Stoppers* tip line as well as any other *Crime Stoppers* tip line is kept completely confidential. Callers never have to give their names or appear in court. Anyone with information about any recent pharmacy robberies in the area is asked to call ***RxPATROL Tip line at 1-888-4RXTIPS.***

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